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6. ☐ A concise explanation of the relevance of the non-English language document(s) appears below:

7. ☒ The Examiner's attention is directed to U.S. Patent Application Nos. 09/674,706, filed November 6, 2000, (copy previously provided), 09/674,717, filed November 6, 2000 (copy previously provided) and 10/276,863, filed November 20, 2002 (published as US 2003/0154174 on August 14, 2003) which are directed to related technical subject matter. The identification of these U.S. Patent Applications is not to be construed as a waiver of secrecy as to that application now or upon issuance of the present application as a patent. The Examiner is respectfully requested to consider the

cited applications and the art cited therein during examination, as well as the entire prosecution histories of each of these applications including all issued and future Office Actions and Applicant responses. For example, copies of the Office Action mailed 6/13/06 and Applicant Response filed 9/13/06 in U.S. Appln. No. 674,706 and copies of the Office Action mailed 1/3/07 and Applicant Response filed 6/4/07 in U.S. Appln. No. 674,717 are attached.

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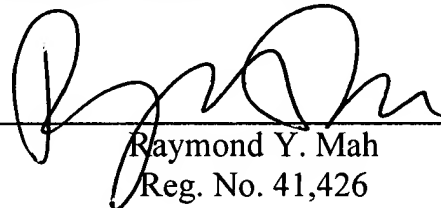
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The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 14-1140 referencing docket number 36-1385.

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